

Agenda Item: 21-01 **Request Approval of the Falls Lake Model Program for Existing Development Stormwater**

Explanation:

The Falls Lake Existing Development Stormwater Rule (.0278) requires affected parties in the watershed to implement load reduction programs to reduce nutrient loading from existing developed lands under their control in the watershed. Implementation is divided into two Stages with Stage I calling for reductions in loading back to 2006 baseline levels with additional reductions called for in Stage II that equate to the full reduction goals of the strategy. The Rule also requires DWR to develop a Model Program to provide the accounting tools, practices, and guidance affected parties can use to develop their required load reduction programs. The Division has also worked with the Upper Neuse River Basin Association over the past two years to collaborate on their development of an alternative joint compliance approach for Stage I as allowed under the rule and in the Model Program. Staff will provide an overview of the Final Model Program which has been updated to address public comments received from stakeholders in October and December. Once approved affected parties will have six months to submit and begin implementation of their individual or joint programs.

Recommendation:

The Division requests approval of the Falls Lake Model Program for Existing Development Stormwater.